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Teachers Express Their Views on District Cutbacks and Tenure

By Dave Clements
Reporter

Because of lack of funds, the Fullerton Union High School District, with the affirmation of the Board of Trustees, has notified 32 teachers that they may not be rehired by the district for the 1981-82 school year.

Glenm Reilly, Anthony Miller, Myrna Godinez, Vince Senik, and Barbara Robertson, La Habra teachers, are on the Reduction in Force (RIF) list and have received preliminary notices of dismissal.

Reilly, a biology teacher, is also one of the members of the Teachers' Bargaining Committee. He has the fourth most seniority of the educators being cut. "Before we worry about anything else, we have to get people off the list," he states.

"We have this much of an agreement with the district. For every teacher retiring, someone comes off the list.

"We need more cooperation between the two bargaining powers. The teachers and the district have to cooperate for self-survival," adds Reilly.

Doug Flor, another science

teacher, has a temporary contract, thus preventing him from receiving tenure.

Flor states, "Districts play this temporary contract game to give them the upper hand in moving people around. They are making it more of a 'they-us' situation.

"We have some exceptional brains here. If they would only let us try to help come up with a solution - well, there isn't really one solution - but if they were only open with us, if they'd just come out and say, 'Okay, here's the file, let's work together!' ... The file is supposed to be public anyway.

"What really gets me is where they are making the cuts. You would think that they would try to make the cuts as far away from the kids as possible. They give themselves \$10,000 and \$8,000 raises and cut out the same in student programs."

Vince Senik, head football coach and social science teacher, has this to say about the RIF: "I have three thoughts on this subject. Number 1 - if there were no such thing as tenure I could

keep my job on ability. But that is not the basis.

"Number 2 - if you have to make cutbacks that affect students, you should start as far away from the kids as possible.

"Number 3 - the problem with FUHSD lies not with the administration, but with the community. The community doesn't like to see athletics get it put to them, but they don't do anything.

Tony Miller, the agriculture teacher here and at Troy High School, has this to say: "I expected it. It's a sign of the times. The apathy of the voters is terrible. Proposition 13 reflected this apathy. Only 40 percent of the registered voters cast a ballot at that election.

"As I think about it, I wish we had passed both Prop. 13 and Prop 8. That way the system would have been torn down quicker. Then we could have rebuilt it the correct way."

About the future, Miller says, "There are more positions for teachers on school ag farms in the state than there are qualified teachers to fill them. I'll look up and down the state until I find one."

This is the third time Barbara Robertson, a health teacher and track coach, has been through this procedure. "I feel I'm gradually being phased out. I'm looking to go to another district where they aren't having as many troubles as we are here. My future doesn't seem too secure here. It's very discouraging."

Myrna Godinez was busy directing practice for the spring dance show at press time, and subsequently could not be reached for comment.



ENDANGERED TEACHER - Vince Senik, La Habra High's head football coach, is one of the 32 teachers who may be eliminated from the FUHSD staff next year.

(Photo by Keith Godwin)

Four Seniors Win Bank of America Awards

By Jeff Inlay
Asst. Sports Editor

Four LHS seniors were and Stampfli for science and plaque winners at the North Orange County Bank of America awards.

Dennis Long and Geeta Berera came in first place in their academic areas. David Stampfli and Diane Jizba were third-place winners. Long won in the vocational arts department, Berera in fine arts, Jizba in liberal arts, and Stampfli for science and math.

After the North Orange County Awards come the Orange and Los Angeles County awards.

First place winners received \$500, second place \$100, and third place \$75 in the North Orange County competition. The Orange and Los Angeles County award winners will receive \$2,000.

The awards are given by

Bank of America to seniors only for scholastic excellence. Chuck Maruca, assistant principal, says that the awards "are probably one of the most prestigious awards given to seniors." He also thinks that La Habra has some of the better students, as the Bank of America awards seem to indicate.

NEWS UPDATE

Prom Tickets on Sale Until Thursday, April 23

Tickets for the 1981 Prom, "Moonlight and Roses" on Saturday, April 25 will continue to be sold until Thursday, April 23. The price per couple is \$43. The Inn at the Park Hotel in Anaheim is the location for the event and the time is from 7 p.m. until midnight.

A formal dinner featuring filet mignon will be served. The band Phoenix will provide music for dancing and entertainment. Those people planning on attending the PTA sponsored breakfast should contact a PTA member for information.

Calvisi and Hunt Choose English Students of the Month

Gay Rainey, junior, and Melissa Merola, senior, were chosen as English Students of the Month for March.

Ron Calvisi, English III teacher, selected Rainey for good attendance, desire to learn, and acceptance of constructive criticism.

Merola was selected by Jane Hunt, English III teacher, for enthusiastic participation in classroom discussions and her general excellence in class work.

February and March Students of the Month Selected

Cathy Speer, Student of the Month for February, is a senior. She is on the Fashion Board at Hinshaw's and is also a model. Cathy's interests at school include the Synergy Dance Class and helping with activities such as the recent Mother-Daughter Banquet.

Senior Julie Fall is Student of the Month for March. Julie is presently working at the Sizzler restaurant while attending four classes. As Senior Class President, Julie worked on the Hula Hawkins dance and is now planning the graduation ceremonies this June.

Advanced Drama To Present 'Story Theater'

"Story Theater," a play based on three of Aesop's fables, will be shown May 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

According to drama teacher Jack Reule, "Story Theater" is a comedy which "employs mime, narration, and acting" and is performed by the Advanced Drama class. Admission for the play will be \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students, and \$1.00 for children.

Opinion

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Administration Encounters Problems

By Terence Concannon
Assistant Editor

Many problems have beset blankly and then quickly the administration of the Fullerton Union High School District in recent years, but its most serious problem is its blindness. The FUHSD administration is blind to the needs of the students.

Let's take a look at the proposed reductions in the district curricula. There are to be drastic reductions in the driver and health education programs as well as interscholastic athletics. Many classes such as graphic arts and ceramics will be eliminated completely.

Is this really necessary? What has happened to all the money the Fullerton Union High School District was supposed to have saved by closing down Lowell High School? This question was asked of the members of the Board of Trustees at a recent public forum. After hearing the question, the Board members stared at each other

There are always two sides to every issue, especially one involving religion. Both sides of the issue should be presented.

Lately controversy and lawsuits have run rampant concerning the quality and rightness of teaching both Darwin's theory of evolution and the Bible story of creation in the classrooms of public schools. Why shouldn't students have the chance to hear both sides of the issue?

Regardless of what kind of school it is, public or private, the subject of the creation of

the district can keep up with the salary scales of other districts. It would seem that the District is far more interested in "keeping up with the Joneses" than in maintaining the quality of education the FUHSD students receive.

Rather than adding to the district administrators' salaries, spending money on the refurbishment of their new offices, and indulging in silly competition with other districts, the FUHSD should be considering making cuts in administrative costs and those items in the budget which least affect the students' education.

The community may be taken in by the snow job put out by the District and the Board of Trustees; most students are not.

Religion Needs Fair Time in School

By Lori Callaghan and Mark Weston

life (biblical as well as evolutionary) should also be included in the science department's curriculum.

Remember that both of these ideas on how the earth and life developed are theories. The only difference is that Darwin's theory of evolution appears to be more logical than that which is stated in the Bible. Both, however, are supported equally with the same amount of factual information.

Religion in the public school system has steadily declined over the past years. The subject of the creation of life has been manipulated by many special interests, one of which was atheist Mary Margaret O'Hare's attempt to halt religious television pro-

grams in 1976, and to remove the public display of Christian holiday symbols.

Some evangelists on the tube may seem a bit ridiculous, but this is all that some elderly people have as a means of communication with their faith. Most adults have already chosen a philosophical or religious belief.

The teaching of both theories, evolutionary and biblical in schools will allow students to draw their own conclusions.

How can anyone rely on one theory alone? To form a personal conclusion, both theories should be emphasized. Darwin's theory of evolution and the biblical theory of creation should be given an equal amount of time in the classroom.

Magazines Cause Laughter

If you have ever been to a magazine rack you must be familiar with ridiculous magazines such as "Teen Beat," "Superteen," "Tiger Beat," etc.

These magazines contain full-page photographs of celebrities. The majority of them are men under 30. Stories accompany the pictures. The stories contain rumors and gossip and scandalous writings.

Since most of the content deals with male celebrities, it is most likely that the readers are female. This is the sad part about the magazines. Do

these girls really believe that they will win a free weekend with their dream star? Do the celebrities sit back and laugh when they read their fan mail — if they read their fan mail?

Of course, it is nice for a rising star to get some credit, but in these magazines exaggeration occurs much too often.

The next time you have a desire for a magazine, don't shell out \$1.25 for a piece of trash.

Violence Threatens Public Figures

The violence that has occurred in the United States in recent times has marred its history severely. This is the freest country in the world, but those people who take advantage of their freedom are the ones who make a disgusting appearance in representing it.

The events of Monday, March 30, make the United States appear lawless to the eyes of the world. An attempted assassination was made on the person who represents our country and runs its decision-making processes. The suspect, twenty-five year old John W. Hinckley, Jr., allegedly shot and hit President Ronald Reagan.

Robert Kennedy, John Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and recently John Lennon were all shot and killed by people who, in their misguided, distorted minds, felt that they were serving some higher order.

What do acts like this say about our country? Perhaps the mental instability of these assassins was brought about by these complex, stressful times. Too many of our most respected Americans have had their lives threatened or taken by these half-crazed lunatics who run around on the street with guns in their possession.

Gun control was a widely talked-about issue after John Kennedy was assassinated. The issue arose again when John Lennon was murdered. Ironically, President Reagan

was against gun control, and still is even after his own life has been threatened. He has enough trust in our nation to appear in public gatherings and mingle with the crowd, regardless of what has happened in the past to public figures.

What now, after the President has been shot along with Press Secretary James Brady, who was seriously injured, and the two others who were wounded? What a way for the President to start a job!

Although it is not certain whether President Reagan will still make public appearances, he should seriously

consider the risk being taken and the disaster any harm to him could cause for this country.

If acts like this continue to increase, our own political leaders as well as other famous individuals may be forced not to make public appearances any more.

People like to see their leaders and well-known associates in person. They like public appearances. But they have to understand that if violence continues, the public, out of necessity, will spend more hours viewing them on television, all because of the lunatics taking advantage of their freedom.

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Stepchildren Caught in Dilemma

By Andria Mason
Reporter

Every year at least half a million Americans marry someone who is already a parent.

According to Brenda Mad-dox, author of the book *Half Parent: Living With Other People's Children*, in 1975 one out of every eight children was a stepchild. Now, with the divorce rate increasing every year, one child out of every six is a stepchild.

"As these figures show," says Albert Solnit, director of the Yale Child Study Center in New Haven, Connecticut, "divorce is one of the most serious and complex mental health crises facing children of the 80s."

Lilian Stover, a clinical psychologist, deals with children and their feelings, and has been researching the guilt and fears that children sometimes have when parents remarry.

The children are taught different values, and their discipline is also different from that which is given to other children, which causes a problem for the step-parent

and the child as to how to treat them. Because of the remarriage, a "blended family" can never be the same as a natural family, no matter what happens.

A re-marriage is hard for the child or children as well as for the parent. In re-marriage the step-parent automatically gets children who aren't even their own, but that does not mean that they have to love or care for the children with the marriage. In the first marriage, several years of privacy do exist so the couple can get to know one another better. But in re-marriage, all of a sudden after the wedding, the step-parent finds the children of the other parent, standing there with expectations and demands in their minds.

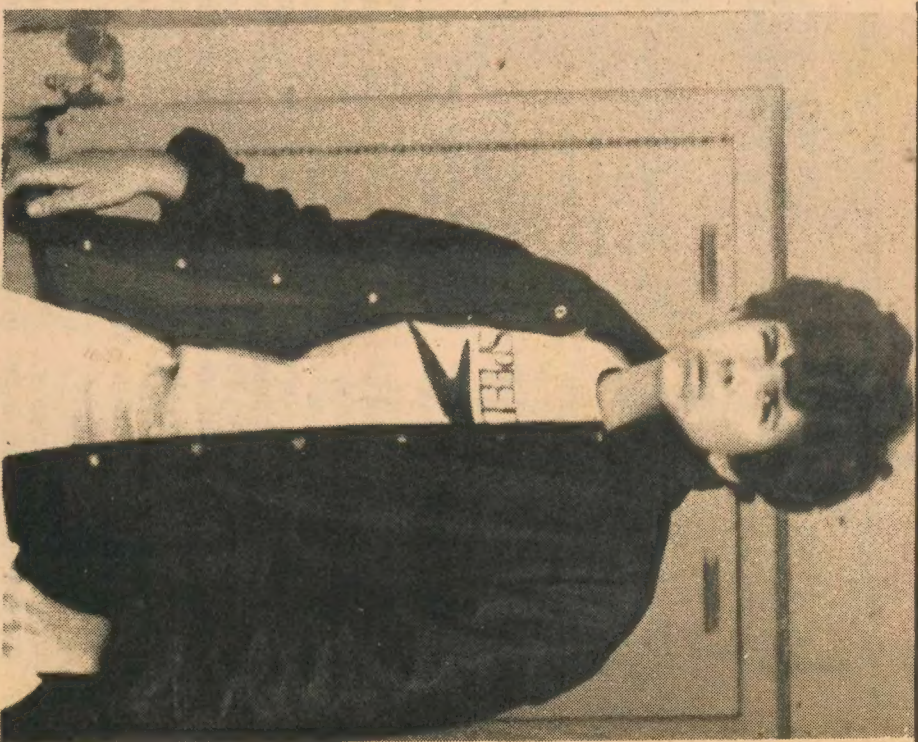
"Over 40 percent of newly blended families ends in divorce within the first five years," says Liz Einstein in her article, *Stepfamily Lives*. She claims that the beginning is the most important and critical time, the starting block for the future of the re-

marriage. "The beginning is a sensitive business," explain Roosevelt and Lofas, two marriage counselors who have extensively studied the subject of 2-part families. They quote a stepfather who puts it this way: "It has to be approached the same way that porcupines make love — very carefully."

Experience and research have proven that parents of new children, who are not even their own, set the tone for the family. Rules, values, and attitudes stand their ground in two roles and can't be the same for both families. "It is difficult for the child and the step-parent to adjust," remarks Irene Goldenberg, director of UCLA's Center for Health Services.

One fantasy that almost all children of divorce share is to get their parents back together, which almost never works out. Also, stepchildren find that inequality does exist outside the family.

Feature



WHADDAYA WANT? — A preoccupied Paul Jahn prepares for swimming practice. Jahn, a senior, has been involved in a large number of school organizations and has held many political posts.
(Photo by Keith Godwin)

Paul Jahn Keeps Full Schedule

By Joel Catron
Reporter

Community and school involvement from a student is hard to find these days; however, Paul Jahn, a senior at La Habra excels in this area. Jahn is very involved in school government and athletics. He is the Commissioner of Student Relations for the ASB and is in charge of elections and the student political convention. He is on the swim and water polo teams and is a member of CSF.

If that's not enough, he is the student member of the Board of Trustees and is on the District Student Advisory Council. He has ambitions of going to U C Berkeley and majoring in business administration or economics.

Jahn has been involved with

student government since the ninth grade and plans on remaining involved with the community. In response to a query as to whether he enjoyed politics, he said, "Yes, it's really interesting. And it gives me a chance to make decisions and try to improve conditions." Jahn feels he's a good politician, but he doesn't want to become a professional politician at this time.

Jahn was one of eight students in Orange County selected by the Orange County Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation to be sent to the eastern United States to listen to and participate in seminars and speeches on American government. He stayed in Valley Forge.

Pa. for three days and then went to Washington D.C. for the remaining four days. Half of his expenses were paid for by the Freedoms Foundation, and other sponsors such as PTA also helped pay the way. His involvement with the School Board is fairly simple. He doesn't get to vote, but he makes sure the students have a voice in the issues. He was elected to this position at the end of his junior year.

When asked for his views on getting involved with things like student government, he said, "High school has a lot more to offer than just going to classes. I would encourage any person to get involved. You can learn a lot more about yourself and others."

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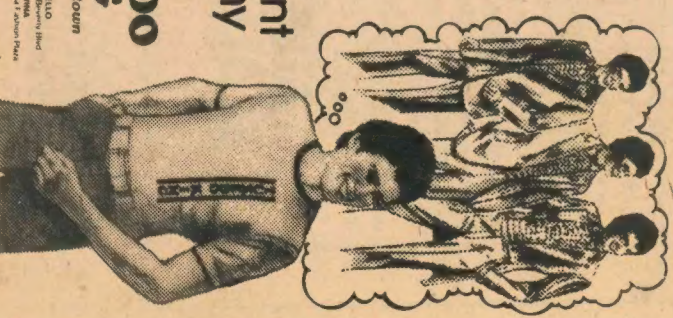
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Sports

Tennis Aces Sonora

By Steve Curry
Sports Editor

The La Habra boys' varsity tennis team defeated Sonora High 26-2 last Friday.

In singles matches one point is awarded to the winner of each match. La Habra's top-ranked player, Darren Fre-goso, easily defeated all of his opponents, by the scores of 6-0, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

La Habra's second-ranked player, Abe Perez, also defeated all of his opponents; however, Perez didn't have such an easy time. He had trouble with Sonora's Meister and Hoyt, both of whom he defeated by the score of 6-4. Perez defeated the remainder of his opponents 6-0, and 6-0.

Sophomore Dan Sanger, La Habra's third-ranked player, had an even worse time, as he was defeated by Meister, 6-4. Sanger's loss gave Sonora its first point of the day. He also had a little trouble with Sonora's Hoyt and Dayhoff; however, he defeated both by the score of 6 games to 4. Sanger easily defeated Kurkjian 6-0.

Fourth-ranked player Paul Dorado, also suffered one defeat to Sonora's Dayhoff. Dayhoff won easily 6 games to 3. Dorado breezed through the remainder of his opponents 6 games to 1, 6 games to 1, and 6 games to none.

The scoring for the doubles matches is one and a half points awarded to the winner of each match. In varsity doubles action, Dave Sanger and his partner Danny Magdaleon, defeated their first opponents. Tanner and Rustia, 6-0, 6-2. In their third and fourth matches they defeated Wilson and Tabba 6 games to 2, and 6 games to 3.

The other Varsity doubles team, consisting of Jose Ferrino and David Quirarte, also had no problems defeating their opponents, Wilson and Tabba, by 6 games to 2, and 6 games to none. They then went on to defeat Tanner and Rustia 6 games to 1, and 6 games to 1. La Habra's varsity tennis team easily defeated Sonora's varsity team, 26-2.



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REACHING BACK FOR POWER — Senior Mark Kirk gets ready to release his pitch in La Habra's game against Sonora. The Clan beat Sonora 3-1, which knocked Sonora into second place and out of a tie for the lead.
(Photo by Lis Schwitters)

Swimmers Make Valiant Effort

By Tim Vandebuy
Feature Editor

On Wednesday, April 1, a swim meet was held between La Habra and Fullerton high schools.

This meet was held at Fullerton High School, and although it resulted in all four classes of the La Habra swim team being narrowly defeated, there were several stand-out Highlander performances.

La Habra took both classes of the grueling 500-yard freestyle race, with senior Paul Jahn posting a time of 6:03.03 in the boys' varsity race, and

freshman Joan D'Agostino winning easily with a time of 5:21.08 in the girls' varsity.

The frosh-soph team posted a victory in the 200-yard medley relay. Freshmen Dirk Darling and Jim Borson and sophomores Robert Almeida and Greg Wise had a composite time of 2:23.83 to win the race. Also posting wins were junior Pat Prendeville, who won the boys' varsity 100 yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.8, and Darling, who won the one and three-meter board

diving competition with five high-scoring dives.

The members of the swim team, as well as Coach Ron Davis, have been concerned with the lack of attention and publicity they are getting.

"We have hardly any budget, no sweats, nothing," says freshman Diana Thewes. "We work very hard, and the football and baseball teams get all the attention. We deserve more coverage." Thewes also urges more people to go out for swimming.

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